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Greetings of "Bon Jour" and "Buenos Dias" will lend cosmopolitan color to the Montana State University campus when 52 high school teachers arrive Sunday for the second National Defense Education Act Institute in French and Spanish.

Native speakers of French and Spanish will be quartered with institute participants, who will speak the language they are studying in the dormitory and the dining hall as well as in the classroom for the next eight weeks.

This constant exposure to the language will be supplemented by language laboratory work to improve pronunciation and comprehension, according to Dr. Robert M. Burgess, chairman of the MSU department of foreign languages and director of the institute. Instruction methods used in the integrated program of studies will stress linguistics, cultural matters and conversation skills, he said.

Participants will observe demonstration classes in French and Spanish conducted by two visiting professors. Students who will be high-school freshmen next year have been recruited from the Missoula area to make up the classes, the director said.

Sixteen of the 52 teachers are from Montana, Dr. Burgess said. Besides the director, the staff includes an assistant director, five visiting professors, six native speakers and two language laboratory monitors.

The institute is one of 75 being conducted throughout the country this summer under the provisions of the National Defense Education Act of 1958, Dr. Burgess said. Their purpose is to expand and improve the teaching of languages in elementary and high schools in the United States.

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